

ALASKA ENJOYS WINTER.

Only 80 Degrees Below Zero at Richardson.

The thermometer registered 80 below zero! This simple statement sounds like a thrilling line from a far-fetched tale or a mild episode in the adventures of poor Pauline, but not so. It is a simple fact. Probably it is the same kind of weather Addison had in mind when he wrote of frozen words.

While Columbians sat upon their piazzas January 21, with the mercury at a pleasant 70, the folk of Richardson, Alaska, kept close within their doors. They piled on blankets and huge logs, for outside the north wind did blow, and poor robin (if he was up in that section) was forced to go to a barn and hide his weary head under his wing. Down here in South Carolina the thermometer was trying to persuade the sandlappers that it was not winter, after all, but up in Alaska they had the real stuff.

At Fairbanks, Alaska, it was 60 to 65 below; at Salcha it was 70 below; Egbert had a mere 50 below, while Beaver Dam was completely outclassed with a meager 24. The Rev. H. H. Lumpkin, a Columbian, who is priest in charge of St. Matthews's mission at Fairbanks, writes:

"I am inclosing a copy of last night's paper, showing the record of weather here. You might like to think upon it while you sit in balmy Columbia. How long this spell will last it is hard to say. We've had this one nearly a week now. Sixty and 65 below zero weather is not pleasant. So don't hanker after a visitation of it to Columbia."

The Rev. Mr. Lumpkin sent an interesting copy of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner of January 21. The big story of the day is a weather article on the back page. "Never in the history of interior Alaska, at least in the memory of any white man, has the Tanana and Yukon river valleys suffered with the cold as they have during the last 48 hours. Fairbanks business is practically at a standstill, no one venturing from home unless forced to do so. On the trails, both above and below town, it is even colder. At Richardson the telegraph operator and official weather reporter wired this morning that it was 80 below zero, which is probably the coldest ever known in Tanana valley," says the News-Miner. Mr. Lumpkin adds a note of explanation in which he says that he thinks a spell about seven years ago was equally as cold as this one.

Further on the weather story says: "Everybody knows that the corner of Lacey and First avenue is one of the coldest spots in town. Col. W. H. McPhee, of the Washington, has a thermometer in front of his establishment, which has made many a man shiver. It usually shows the temperature from six to ten degrees colder than anywhere else in town. This morning, poor thermometer, it was put out of business. The spirits dropped so low that it was impossible to tell what the temperature was. The colonel fears that the thermometer, in disgust, has quit working for all time."

In this same issue of the News-Miner is an advertisement for a piano company that must have been slightly aggravating to the shivering Alaskans. The "ad" used two cuts, one of which was a scene in Yukon, and the other was a tropical scene with rising heat and sheltering palms. "From Yukon to Cape Town" reads the ad.

A picture show advertises Lew Fields in "Old Dutch" for Sunday and Monday nights, admission 50 cents.

The News-Miner at the head of its editorial columns says: "Single copies 25 cents," referring to the price of the four sheet paper.

Two basketball games were scheduled for the night of January 21. Of these the News-Miner says:

"Two good basketball games were to have been played at the rink tonight, but owing to the extreme cold weather they have been indefinitely postponed. At present the players refuse to appear in furs to play. The boosters for the game also fear that they cannot induce enough fans to turn out to pay for the electric light bill, to say nothing of rent."

The chief of the fire department of Fairbanks issued a fire warning, saying:

"Several of the bad fires of Fairbanks have taken place when the thermometer registered about 30 below zero. Even then it was almost impossible for the firemen of the regular department and the volunteers to fight the flames properly. Should a fire start today with the thermometer registering 60 below there would be little likelihood of saving the structure in which it started. For these reasons Chief Buckley urges that particular care be taken."

And so, while Columbia may at times think that it is summertime in wintertime, Alaska is sure that it is still cold during the season when the noonday sun shines most obliquely.—Columbian State.

FREE TUITION.

Affidavit That Must Be Made to Get It.

In view of the wide-spread interest in the fight against free tuition and scholarships in State colleges the act now in force and the form of affidavits required by parents or guardians and county auditors are interesting. This bill was passed Feb. 24, 1906.

The certificate of inability to pay tuition follows:

Personally appeared before me who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the parent or guardian of who is, or expects to be, a student at during the session

Deponent further swears that he or she is unable to pay for said child or ward, \$40 tuition at said institution, during the said session.

Sworn to before me this (Officer empowered to administer oaths)

The affidavit is then signed by the parent or guardian taking the oath. The certificate of the auditor is as follows:

In accordance with law, and based upon an affidavit by which to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true statement of facts, I issue this certificate, which entitles to free tuition in

The affidavit above referred to is filed in this office as required by law. Signed: Auditor County.

Date The act follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That from and after the approval of this act, the authorities of all colleges or institutions of learning supported in whole or in part by the State, shall furnish to the general assembly at its annual meeting the names of all students, with the postoffice address of each, and whether such students are pay, beneficiary or scholarship students.

Sec. 2. That the auditors of the several counties of this State be required to keep a record and file all affidavits made before them, as now required by law, of inability on the part of the parents, guardian or trustee to pay tuition.

Health Day, March 3.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, together with the State department of education and the State board of health, has gotten out a most interesting programme to be observed by the schools on March 3, which is to be Health Day. These programmes may be secured from Dr. Rosa Gantt or the two departments mentioned above and are supplied free to schools desiring them. The programme is too varied and lengthy to be reproduced, but we give the health alphabet. The rest is just as good, suited to all ages of children.

HEALTH ALPHABET.

A is for Adenoids no child should own,
B is for Breathing to give the lungs tone,
C is for Cough, which we should not neglect,
D is for Dentist, who finds tooth defect,
E is for Evils of foul air and dirt,
F is for Fresh air, too much cannot hurt.
G is for Gardens, where boys and girls play,
H is for Hardiness gained in that way,
I is for infection from foul drinking cup,
J is for Joy in pure water bubbling up,
K is for Knowledge of rules of good health,
L is for Lungs, whose soundness is wealth,
M is for Milk, it must be quite pure,
N is for Nurse, your health to insure.
O is for Oxygen, not found in a crowd,
P is for Pencils, in mouth not allowed,
Q is for Quiet, which sick people need,
R is for Rest, a part of our creed,
S is for Sunshine, to drive germs away,
T is for Toothbrush, used three times a day,
U is for Useful Health Rules in the school,
V is for Value of learning the rules,
W is for Worry, which always does harm,
X is for Xcess, indulge in no form,
Y is for Youth, the time to grow strong,
Z is for Zest, help the good work along.

Be sure and send for programme in order to observe Health Day in your school.

Imitation ivory is obtained from the nut of a kind of palm which grows in South America.

In some parts of China it is regarded as a high virtue for a wife to commit suicide after the death of a husband.

BIG GUNS ON NEW WARSHIPS.

Navy Department Has About Decided on Weapons to Shoot Fifteen Miles.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Experimental long-range firing by the Atlantic fleet and information about naval battles in the European war nearly have convinced the navy department that the battleships to be authorized this year should carry ten 16-inch guns each instead of twelve 14-inch weapons aboard ships of the Pennsylvania and California class now building.

Details of gunnery are confidential, but it became known tonight that the next target practice of the fleet will be held at ranges up to 18,000 yards because of the lessons taught by the battle between German and British battle cruisers in the North Sea, where 17,000-yard shots scored hits.

The navy general board recommended some time ago that new battleships be designed for the 16-inch rifles and proposed other military characteristics that made it necessary to increase the tonnage from 32,000 for the California class to 36,000. Officials of the board have urged their views upon the house naval committee in connection with the pending appropriation bill, although the 1917 building programme is not yet before the committee. Many officers of high rank, however, have considered it unwise to mount the bigger guns or build the bigger ships. Secretary Daniels, it is said, however, is about convinced of the desirability of the bigger ships project.

An order for the first kite balloon to be added to the navy's aerial fleet has been placed, it was learned today, and this latest device to increase the air accuracy of the gun-fire may be tested out during the spring target practice. It is proposed that each battleship be equipped with a captive kite balloon which will rise 1,000 feet above her decks. The officers observing the fall of shots now stationed in the fighting tops 150 feet above decks will be stationed in the balloon basket communicating with the ship by telephone.

The navy's biggest guns now have a range of twelve sea miles or more, and this probably will be increased materially with the new 16-inch. Before the committee recently Admiral Winslow said he had seen weather conditions in which ships were plainly visible at 30,000 yards, or fifteen miles. It probably was due, he said, to a mirage; but if he had had guns of sufficient range he thought he could have gauged his shots so as to make a bombardment effective.

GEM IN CHICKEN'S CRAW.

Woman Found There a Diamond Worth More Than \$100.

Whether there is a diamond mine in Philadelphia or in Delaware county, Mrs. Otto Woerner, of No. 50 South Third street, Colwyn, is not sure, but she does know that the chicken that she purchased from a Baltimore avenue, East Lansdowne dealer a few days ago was a most valuable bird, and incidentally proved the best investment she ever made.

When Mrs. Woerner opened the chicken and cut open its craw she saw something sparkle, and on closer examination was surprised and delighted to find that it was a pure blue-white diamond of the first water.

Having it appraised by an expert, she was told that it was worth considerably more than \$100. Since the announcement of this discovery was made the dealer has had a run on chickens.—Colwyn (Pa.) dispatch to New York World.

A Novel Alloy.

In the alloy "illium," as described by S. W. Parr, of the University of Illinois, a high degree of success in producing a platinum substitute seems to have been achieved. For certain scientific apparatus, platinum has a unique importance, not only because it can be heated to about 1,750 degrees centigrade without melting, but also on account of its resistance to nearly all acids and gases. Its present cost of three or four times that of gold, however, makes it for many purposes unattainable. The new alloy has such resistance to chemical action that contact with nitric acid for 24 hours produced no weighable loss, and it also has great density and a tensile strength of about 50,000 pounds per square inch. Its melting point is about 1,300 centigrade. It has been developed, after many difficulties, and is said to include in its complex composition 60.65 per cent. of nickel, 21.07 of chromium, 6.42 of copper, 4.67 of molybdenum, 2.13 of tungsten, 1.09 of aluminum, 1.04 of silicon, 0.98 of manganese and 0.76 of iron, with minute quantities of carbon and boron. Tested as material for a calorimetric bomb, it held 35 cubic inches of gas at 25 to 30 atmospheres without leak, showing no corrosion after 1,500 determinations of the heating value of coal gas.

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Farrell's—January 6, from 10 to 1 o'clock.
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Ehrhardt—January 13.
St. John's—January 14, from 9 to 11 o'clock.
Kearse—January 14, from 12 to 2 o'clock.
Govan—January 20.
Olar—January 21.
Denmark—January 27.
Lee's—January 28, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 (except Confederate soldiers) are liable to \$1 poll tax. All able-bodied male persons between the ages of 21 and 55 are liable to \$2 road tax. Dogs 50 cents.

Automobiles will be returned separately from other articles. Household goods will be returned separately from other goods. Taxpayers are urged to find out the name and number of the school district in which they reside, and be prepared to give this information to the Auditor when they make their returns.

Please get your age in your mind. I will be at the court house on all days not mentioned above until the 20th of February. After the 20th of February a penalty of 50 per cent. will be added to all personal property not returned, so make yours before the 20th.

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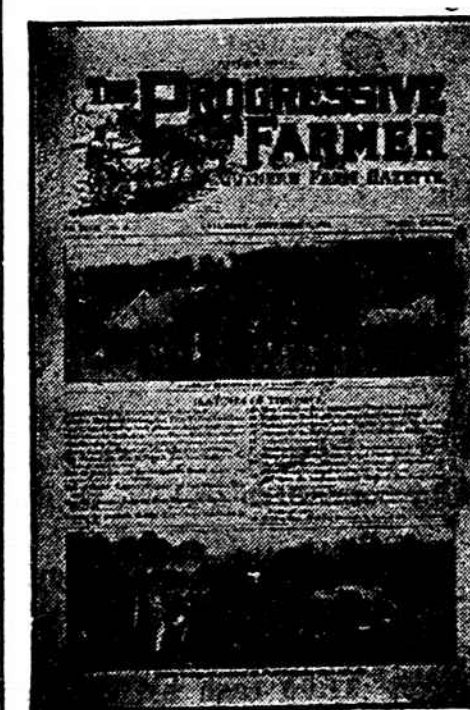
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